

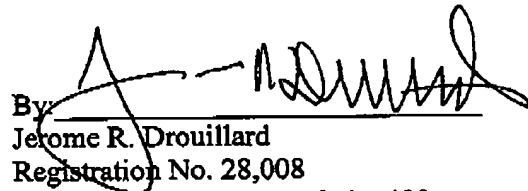
REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-10, 14-16 and 18-20 are in the application. By this amendment, Claim 10 is amended and Claim 13 is cancelled. Claims 1, 5-9, 16, and 18-20 have been indicated as being allowable.

Claim 13 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. As a result, Claim 10 has been amended by incorporating the substance of Claim 13 therein, and as a result, Claim 10, as well as Claims 14 and 15, which depend from Claim 10, are also allowable and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In sum, each of the claims remaining in this case, i.e., Claims 1, 5-10, 14-16 and 18-20 is condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. Such action is earnestly solicited.

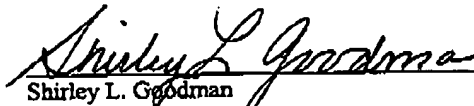
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